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1859

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Tuesday May ³/₁₁ 1843

at 9 AM left the Wars in Newbury bound
to the Dursford, Spinnall Whaling with a fair & pleasant
wind on board up the Elizabeth Swift of Newbury
at 6 sent the Watch So ends this day

Wednesday 4/5/43

This day begins

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Separate Log to Sept 20/43

Bark Elizabeth Swift Capt. Chase May 3rd 1859

Tuesday May ³ 1859

The Bark Elizabeth Swift sailed on a whaling voyage from New Bedford at 12 O'clock. the pilot left with 3 bears from the crew a sunset land out of sight chose watches at 7 P.M. sent the Watch the Starboard Watch out so ends the day

Wednesday 4/59

This day begins with light winds & pleasant weather the ship heading S.S.W. the men engaged in putting boats &c

Thursday 5/59

This begins with light winds from the Eastward the ship heading S.S.W. the men engaged in putting boats & making scrubb teeth saw black fish all hands on deck so ends this day

Friday 6/59

This day begins with light Eastly winds the ship heading S.S.W. the men engaged in putting boats & bracing out the fore hole petcock deck & all hands on deck at 12 past 6 Bell board 2 boats for black fish but yet no fish so ends this day Long 74 = 2 Lat 38 = 30

Saturday 7/59

This day begins with calm weather not stirring any on the ship engaged in putting boats & making a coopers ho's & wire bench all hands on deck & all well but a little sleepy it is now 8 O'clock i must go on deck so good night

Sunday 8/59

This day light winds & calm saw 2 Steamers Longitude by observation 74 = 55 W Lat 36 = 22 N

Monday 9/59

This day light winds & pleasant weather engaged putting on Chipping gear myself repairing Gunton & boat Cays at 4 P.M. took a lunar observation by measuring the distance of the Moon from the Sun

Barck Elisabeth Sloop out bound May ¹⁰ 1859
This day rainy thunder & lightning & fresh gales
had a watch below.

Wednesday 11/59

This day Strong Winds fore part rainy broke
out Water & putting on Chafing gear myself
making Molasses Caggs all hands on deck to day
2 men off duty Sick 1 bld beef.

Thursday 12/59

This day winds strong latter part rainy employed
this day fitting rigging & breaking out stores had a
watch below shortened sail at sunset 2 men off duty
sick

Friday May 13th 1859.

This day strong winds, with squalls of rain.
employed in general ships duty. Two men
off duty, sick, shortened sail at sundown.

Latitude 33.12. Longitude 74.56 West.

Saturday 14/59

This day Strong Winds & pleasant Weather the men
Engaged in Ships duty myself ~~up~~ up
2 lantern Caggs & 6, 2 men off duty Sick
Latitude 32=29, N Longitude 76=18, W and
i opened the Cagg of gin

Sunday 15/59

This day Strong Winds & pleasant Weather the
Captin gin out bills to the men i opened the Cagg
of gin it being my birth day at Sunset Shortened
Sail Longitude 77=1 W Latitude 31=34 North

Monday 16/59

This day light Winds & rainy Weather the men Engaged
in Ships duty myself making Molasses Caggs
at Sunset Shortened Sail 2 men off duty Sick

Tuesday 17/59

This day Light Winds & pleasant Weather Engaged
breaking out petst deck & all hands on deck
2 men off duty Sick at Sunset Shortened sail.
So End this 17 day of may 1859 & no fish yet

1859

May

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Barch, Elizabeth Swift Cuttored bound 18/59
 This day light winds & pleasant weather Engaged
 in Luffing Spars myself made a tea bucket
 this night baring all Sail hully, East, 2 men
 off duty Sick

Thursday 19/59

This day light & pleasant weather the men Engaged
 in Ships duty myself made a duck & fish
 tub at 6, A.M. board 2 boats to practice 1 man off
 duty Sick Longitude 71-37 W, Latitude, 32-05 N

Friday 20/59

This day light winds & pleasant weather Engaged
 in breaking out water Spoke the Schooner James of
 Sippican 18 days from home 35 barrels Spinn
 at sunset board 2 boats to practice 1 man off duty Sick
 Longitude 70-24 West Latitude 32-31 North

Saturday 21/59

This day light winds & pleasant weather the men
 Engaged Ships duty myself repairing
 oil Casks made a haul to the block & h
 at 11 part 11, A.M. Spoke the Brig W. J. Safford
 of Say Harbor 3 years from home 300 barrels of oil

Sunday 22/59

This day light winds & pleasant weather broke out a
 Cask of bread & had a blubary duck for dinner
 in remembrance of Mary, B. R. Harrison 1 man
 off duty Sick Latitude, 32-45 N, Long 69-45 W

Monday 23/59

This day Strong winds & pleasant weather the
 men Engaged in breaking out Shovel, 8
 & 1 barrel of flour at sunset put 2 reefs
 in the top sails all hands on deck to day
 1 man off duty Sick Long 67-30 W Lat 30-5 N

Tuesday 24/59

This day Strong winds & squally weather
 the men Engaged in Ships duty myself
 making bunys & vent Spiles Horn pay
 1 man off duty Sick

1859

[M]

Barbe Elizabeth Swift Outward bound May ²⁵ 1859
 This day fresh gales & squally at 6, at 10. Spoke
 the Burch Schooner of New Bedford bound home 300
 barrels of oil 32 months out. Broke out 1 barrel
 of beef & 1 of pork myself repairing signals
 making runs & 1 man off duty. Long 66 = 20, 41/2
 Thursday 26/59

This day strong winds & rainy weather this morning
 the Captain nailed a ten dollar gold piece on the
 head of the boat for the man that raises a whale
 this week the men engaged in ships duty
 1 man off duty Sick

Friday 27/59

This day light winds & rainy weather the ship
 under short sail 1 man off duty Sick after part
 Mordret gales & rainy took in fore top sail & fore sail
 Clos reefed the main top sail

Saturday 28/59

This day strong winds & rainy weather the men
 engaged in ships duty broke out 1 barrel
 of water 1 man off duty Sick had not
 see the sun for 3 days

Sunday 29/59

This day a gale of wind and rainy weather
 1 man off duty Sick no observation for 6 days
 We have not seen the sun

Monday 30/59

This day begins with strong winds after part
 light winds engaged in ships duty myself
 made scap tulle & steep tulle 1 man off duty Sick
 Longitude 64 = 24 West

Tuesday 31/59

This day light winds & pleasant weather the
 men engaged in brating out boat
 boats stowing the anchors & putting on chafing
 gear we saw a large pair of cut Sperm and
 hope to see Whales tomorrow 1 man off
 duty Sick at sunset hoisted the boats to
 practice so ends this day & month good night

1859 [16]

March Elizabeth Swift outward bound June 1859
This day Light Winds & pleasant Weather Supt
the jibb gear saw a large peas of Cut Squid
putting on chafing gear my self made a
bucket for the Cook, 1 man off duty Sick

Thursday 2/59

This day Light Winds & pleasant Weather the men
Engaged in Ships duty my self repairing
mincen tubs at Cleard up deck & saw
blackfish Longitude 60-15 W Lat 31-30 North

Friday 3/59

This day Light Winds & pleasant Weather painted the
Staboard & Labord bows my self making boat
bucket, its Cook off duty Sick, Long 59-58 W Lat 32-45

Saturday 4/59

This day Light Winds the men Engaged in
baking out Water & bread my self made
2 togles for cutting in at 12 part 5, 3, 6 Cleard
up deck & marked off, Cook off duty Sick

Sunday 5/59

This day Strong Winds after p. 5. gaily with rain
the Captain on Deck Latitude 34-48 North

Monday 6/59

This day Strong Winds & pleasant Weather the men
Engaged in scraping & blushing masts putting
on chafing gear broke out 1 barrel of Beef &
1 of pork and opened Barrel of Stams. Saw a Finback
and two sails. All hands well. Shortened sail

Tuesday 7/59

This day Fresh gales from the S. E. the ship
under short sail after part raining the men
Engaged in Ships duty

Wednesday 8/59

This day Strong Winds & raining the men
Engaged in Ships duty

Thursday 9/59

This day fresh gales the men Engaged in
Ships duty put 10 helps on the capstan & 6
Long 49-44 W Latitude 35-26 North

Friday

1859

[B]

Bark Elizabeth Swift Entered bound June ¹⁰ 1859
This day fresh gales at 12 past 12 O'clock hove a true
under Starboard & main top sail

Saturday 11/59

This day moderate gales & rainy the men engaged
in trahing out water & old bread at 12 past 12 O'clock
Washed off decks & so ends this day myself off duty lame

Sunday 12/59

This day light winds & pleasant weather saw but squid
a shole of grampuses a shole of blackfish, &c. at
12 past 12 O'clock the Captain told the man at the mizen
to turn around & look sharp the man giv him a
unsicel ancer the Captain baled him down and
giv him a cuping & sent him back again

Latitude 35-10 North Longitude 48-30 West

Monday 13/59

This day light winds & pleasant weather but up
the fore rizen & head stay & back stay, &c. saw 2 sholes
of blackfish Longitude 47-1 West Latitude 33-54 South

Tuesday 14/59

This day light winds & pleasant weather the men
engaged in ships duty this day broke the furst
black skin the Captain struck a porpus at 12 past
12 O'clock cleared up decks & washed off the Captain in
the chains drawing water

Wednesday June 15th 1859.

This day light winds and pleasant. The
men engaged in ordinary ships duty. Made
a cove for grind stone. Chase 3 Boats crew
watches. 7 P.M. took in sail. Lat. 34.26. Long. 44.56 W.

Thursday, June 16th 1859.

This day commences with good breezes and pleasant
weather. Running with wind on starboard quarter.
steering S.E. at 9 A.M. saw a Lark whaling, at 11
A.M. saw the boats fast to a large sperm whale
lowered one boat and spoke the boats. Bark Rothschild
of Orleans. 7 P.M. took in sail. Broke out cask of bread.

Lat. 34.23 Long. 44.32

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Barque Elizabeth Swift. June 17th 1859
This day begins with light winds & the mate
taking his boat away from 2 men's backsides becos
they did not turn out when they was called after part
raining at sunset shortened sail

Saturday June 18th 1859.

This day commences with light winds and calm.
9 A.M. lowered for black fish, didn't get any, 1 1/2 P.M.
lowered again and the starboard boat got one B. Fish
brought him along side and on board, at sun-
down shortened sail. Lat. 35.25 N. Long 44.34 W.

Sunday, June, 19th 1859.

This day commences with light winds and plea-
sant weather. 9 A.M. commenced to rain, with
cloudy, foggy weather, lowered a boat for a cask
seen floating, towed it along side and hooked
on to take it on board, when the hoops gave
away & it turned out to be an old molasses
cask filled with salt water. Sundown took in sail.

Monday June 20th 1859.

This day pleasant weather & warm. raised a blow
at 6 1/2 A.M. all hands got excited, thought it was a
sperm whale, turned into a Fin back. crew engaged
as usual, Sundown took in sail. Broke out a barrel of
beef & Pork. Lat 35.26. Long. 42.06 West.

Tuesday June 21st 1859

This day pleasant weather engaged in painting the
Water ways & cabins &c. Saw a strange ship & 2
sulphur bottom at sunset shortened sail
latitude 38 = 23, N.

Wednesday, June, 22nd 1859.

This day pleasant and fine breezes. 9 1/2 A.M. spoke a
Dutch brig and exchanged longitudes. Men engaged
as usual. Saw several Fin backs. Broke out Flour.
Sundown shortened sail. Lat 40.26 N. Long. 40.34 W.

Thursday 23/59

This day Strong Winds Saw 2 strange ships &
humpbacks at sunset shortened sail

Barth Elizabeth Swift Cuttout Board June ²⁴ 1859
This day fresh gales saw a larg' quantity of
Sulphur botoms to end this day

Saturday June 25th 1859

This day comes in with Fresh breeze from the
northward Men engaged clearing boilers and
Ordinary Ships duty washed off decks took in
sail and the day closed

Sunday 26/59

This day begins with light winds and pleasant
weather at 4 P.M. board 2 boats for black fish the fore
boat struck & killed his fish & lost him at 6 P.M. caught
at porpoises Long 30-41 West Latitude 43-43 North

Monday 27/59

This day begins with a strong wind from the
Southwest & Easterd broke out water after part
fresh gales at 4 P.M. holed a true under close & peeled
main top sail & fore staysail batoned down the
atches put a precenter brail on the main yard made
all close for the night put the boats on the upper
beams all hands raged

Tuesday 28/59

This day begins with moderate gales 20 Minats past 3 A.M.
A Spinn Whale raised by William Clarch, lowered 4 boats
at 4 A.M. ~~fastened~~ the 2nd Mate went on and struck
and killed the whale the 1st Mate went ^{on} and struck
next then the Captain struck got him alongside at
7 A.M. got breakfast at 8 & under took to cut in
but it was to raged Peter Poinsett just hurt
he got in petrix the whale & ship then we got it
up at 9 P.M. Set the Watch

Wednesday 29/59

This day heavy gales a 90 barrel Spinn Whale
along side all hands aiding Shurbs but we
hope to be at better signs to morrow, man off duty leave

Latitude 44.44 Longitude June 30th 1859. Long. 28.06 W.

This day pleasant weather. but in the whale by 1 P.M. in
the afternoon cleared up decks and washed off. 7 1/2 P.M.
started work, 8 P.M. set by watches. Harbord watch below.

Barch Elizabeth Shift July 1st 1859
This day light winds & pleasant weather Engaged
in trying out & braking Shovel's Set up 2 carts

Saturday 2/59

This day Engaged in trying out & setting up
carts at 8 sent the the Watch spoke the Barch,
Wasipich, de Stead Bedford & Weab's from home

Sunday 3/59

This day light winds & pleasant weather Caled
down at 4 P.M. at 5 P.M. Spinner & Phaler raised by
Georg Broiley board 12 boats the boat Erenton
& struck, put him along side at 8 in the evening
& put Super

Monday 4/59

This day light winds & pleasant weather Caled all hands
at daylight & commenced cutting gut the head off at 12 O'clock
& splased the main brass at 9 gut all in & sent
the Watch the laborer Watch went belc 3 men off duty
Sick

Tuesday 5/59

This day light winds & pleasant weather Engaged
in trying out & starting bread into bags
3 men off duty lame & Sick

Wednesday 6/59

This day light wind, & pleasant weather Engaged
in trying out braking out Shovel's & 4 men
off duty Sick at 8 O'clock sent the Watch

Thursday 7/59

This day light winds & pleasant weather Engaged
in trying out setting up carts & 4 men off
duty Sick at 8 sent the Watch

Friday 8/59

This day light & hazy weather at 8 P.M. Caled down
at 8 sent the Watch 3 watches 3 men off duty Sick

Saturday 9/59

This day light winds & foggy weather parted the main
Topsail runner 3 men off duty Sick

Sunday 10/59

This day light winds & hazy weather

Dart. Elizabeth Swift outboard bound July¹¹ 1859
This day Strong Winds & foggy Weather Engaged
in braking out shot at Sunset Set the Watch
3 men off duty Sick

Tuesday 12/59

This day Light Winds & pleasant Weather the men
Engaged in Sending up the fore J. G. yard
& Sail myself Coopering oil for sending home
3 men off duty Sick

Wednesday 13/59

This day Strong Winds & pleasant Weather Engaged
in Coopering oil & spoke the ship hunter & other

Thursday 14/59

This day Strong Winds & pleasant Weather Engaged
in Coopering oil at 1 Bell The Captains Went on
Shoar at Payal the boats were gut drunk, & 6
5 men off duty Sick

Friday, July, 15th 1859.

This day pleasant weather & smooth, 8 A.M. commenced
to discharge our oil. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ finished, sent onshore 179 bbls
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ gals. oil. brought on board a small portugues boy;
stowed away under some onions. ^{call him George} kept in my berth;

Saturday, July, 16. 1859.

Light winds and variable. crew at work about
ordinary ships work. 2 P.M. raised a sperm whale
gallied, going fast to windward, did not lower
washed paint work, washed off decks. 7 P.M.
set the watch.

Sunday 17/59

This day Light Winds & pleasant Weather broke out
& took up meat to trim ship 1 man off duty Sick

Monday 18/59

This day Strong Winds & pleasant the men
Engaged in Ships duty myself Setting up
old oil Casks 1 man off duty Sick

Tuesday 19/59

This day Light Winds & pleasant Weather the men
Engaged in Ships duty myself Setting up
old Casks for oil 1 man off duty Sick

Bard, Elizabeth Swift July Wednesday 20/59
This day light winds & pleasant weather the men
engaged in ship duty, repared the spunk
myself setting up old oil cart, & 2 men off
duty Sick,

Thursday 21/59

This day light winds & foggy weather engaged in
ships duty myself setting up old oil cart, & at 10 o'clock
Spoke the ship Prince of Wales with a party of Engravers
steering East we had 2 men off duty Sick one with
The ladies peevish the other with a lame breast

Friday 22/59

This day light winds fore part raining the men
engaged in brabing out water & shovels at 12 past
12 o'clock, when one of the men came down from
mast head the Captain giv him a rope ladder then
sent him to scrubbing the try pots with a brick,
& sand at sunset took in sail & sent the the
Watch & boats crew 2 men off duty Sick,

Saturday 23/59

This day light winds & foggy weather the men engaged
in brabing out water & shoveling away empty Sars, &
3 men off duty Sick, so sent another boat

Sunday 24/59

This day light winds & foggy weather 3 men off duty Sick
myself on a sleep all day & good night

Monday 25/59

This day begins with light winds & pleasant after part
Strong winds & foggy Spoke the Waverley of Gen Bedford
3 months out 90 barrels of sperm said large quantity
of black fish 4 men off duty Sick & lame

Tuesday 26/59

This day Strong winds & raining the men engaged in ship
duty myself making deck buckets said black fish and
granperes 3 men off duty Sick Sat 46-22nd Aug 24th 1859

Wednesday 27/59

This day Strong winds the men engaged in ship
duty at 12 past 12 o'clock, said a whale called him
a sperm whale he went down the said no more Sick

Bark E. Swift Outward Bound
Thursday July 28th 1859

This day comes in with a strong breeze from N. S. W. it moderates and coming in foggy and rainy at sunset the breeze very light. Men engaged doing ordinary Ships duty 3 men off duty sick Lat 46-15. N.

Friday 29/59

This day Strong Winds & rainy Weather the men engaged in Ships duty at 8 o'clock Spoke the Ship Governor Troop 1 month from home. Chain & 1/2 part 3 o'clock the mate gave one of the men a thrashing the Captain parted them sent the man to the mast head 2 men off duty sick at sunset shortened sail & took up the boats on the upper beams. The Captain told me every night after this to turn the vice bench upside down at 4 o'clock, so the men could not get on it.

Saturday 30/59

This day Strong Winds & squally Weather engaged Braving out Water at 4 o'clock Spoke the Ship Tugan of Pen Belford 250 barrels Spun at sunset shortened sail 1 man off duty sick.

Sunday 31/59

This day Strong Winds & pleasant Weather at sunrise a man went to hoist the spanker & fell from the mast but not hurt very bad saw a large quantity of ships going to the Eastward 1 man off duty sick Longitude 26-13 West Latitude 46-46 North

Monday August 1st 1859

This day light Winds & pleasant Weather the men engaged in Ships duty at sunset shortened sail 1 man off duty sick turned the vice bench upside down to keep the men from copying on it.

Tuesday 2nd/59

This day comes in pleasant with a fresh breeze from N. S. W. at 9 AM squally and heavy rain overhauled and fitted the davit tackle falls the day closes with strong N. S. W. breeze one man off duty sick.

Barth. Elizabeth Swift Atlantic Ocean August ³ 1859
This day Light Winds & pleasant weather the men Engaged in
Ships duty. Steward Davis is head because he has been 1 man
Off duty Sick.

Thursday 4/59

This day Light Winds & pleasant weather at 12 past 5 AM
A school of Spinner Whales raised by Henry
at 12 haul along side at sunset got him all in.
And sent the Watch & exposed the main beam the
starboard Watch went below Long 27-48 W Latitude 48-31

Friday 5/59

This day Light Winds & rainy weather Engaged in
Shipping out 1 man off duty Sick the Captain give
Henry 500 sears for raising the whale

Saturday 6/59

This day Strong Winds & Squally weather Engaged
In trying out all hands on deck at 12 past 4 P.M.
Sent the Watch 1 man off duty Sick.

Sunday 7/59

This day Light Winds & pleasant weather Sailed about 3 this
morning the mate give his boats crew 1 pound of tobacco
& 25 Cigars each for getting the whale at 5 P.M. the men
went in & bathed at sunset Shortened Sail

Monday 8/59

This day Light Winds & pleasant weather the men Engaged
In ships duty myself & the Carpenter making a
Blacksmiths forge at 3 P.M. Spoke the Barab
Matthew Suse of New Bedford at sunset took in sail
1 man off duty Sick Long 27-38 W Latitude 48-50 N

Tuesday 9/59

This day Light Winds & pleasant weather Engaged in
Coopering & stowing down oil 1 man off duty Sick
Long 27-37 W Latitude 48-31 North

Wednesday 10/59

This day fresh dews & squally weather the men Engaged
in Ships duty 1 man off duty Sick.

Thursday 11/59 This day Strong Winds at 12 past

At 12 a school of Whales raised by Henry Sailed 4 boats
the Captain got a whale & the second mate got 1 got them
along side at 12 past 1 to night

Bark E. Swift Outward Bound
Thursday July 28th 1859

This day comes in with a strong breeze from N. S. W. it moderates and coming in foggy and rainy at sunset the breeze very light. Men engaged doing ordinary Ships duty 3 men off duty sick Lat 46-15. N.

Friday 29/59

This day Strong Winds & rainy Weather the men engaged in Ships duty at 8 o'clock spoke the Ship Governor Troop 1 month from home. When at 12 past 3 P.M. the mate gave one of the men a thrashing the Captain parted them sent the man to the mast head 2 men off duty sick at sunset shortened sail & took up the boats on the upper beams. The Captain told me every night after this to turn the vice bench upside down at 4 P.M. so the men could not get on it.

Saturday 30/59

This day Strong Winds & squally Weather engaged Braking out Water at 4 P.M. spoke the Ship Tugboat of New Bedford 250 barrels Spun at sunset shortened sail 1 man off duty sick.

Sunday 31/59

This day Strong Winds & pleasant Weather at sunrise a man went to look the spanker & sail from the mast but not hurt very bad saw a large quantity of Ships going to the Eastward 1 man off duty sick Longitude 26-13 West Latitude 46-46 North

Monday August 1st 1859

This day Light Winds & pleasant Weather the men engaged in Ships duty at sunset shortened sail 1 man off duty sick turned the vice bench upside down to keep the men from coping on it.

Tuesday 2nd/59

This day comes in pleasant with a fresh breeze from N. S. W. at 9 A.M. squally and heavy rain overhauled and fitted the davit tackle falls the day closes with strong N. S. W. breeze one man off duty sick.

Bark. Elizabeth Swift Atlantic Ocean August 7th 1859
This day Light Winds & pleasant Weather the men Engaged in
Ships duty. Shaved Davis's head becos he was lousy. 1 man
Off duty Sick.

Thursday 4/59

This day Light Winds & pleasant Weather at 12 past 5. A
saw a school of Spinnaker Whales raised by Henry
at 12 had 1 along side at sunset got him all in.
And sent the Watch & offered the main brace the
Starboard Watch went below Long 27-38 W Latitude 45-31

Friday 5/59

This day Light Winds & rainy Weather Engaged in
Ships duty 1 man off duty Sick the Captain give
Henry 500 sears for raising the whale

Saturday 6/59

This day Strong Winds & Squally Weather Engaged
In trying out all hands on deck at 12 past 7 P.M.
Sent the Watch 1 man off duty Sick.

Sunday 7/59

This day Light Winds & pleasant Weather Caled close at 3 this
morning the mate give his boats crew 1 pound of tobacco
& 25 Cigars each for getting the whale at 5 P.M. the men
Went in & bathed at sunset Shortened Sail

Monday 8/59

This day Light Winds & pleasant Weather the men Engaged
In ships duty myself & the Carpenter making a
Blacksmiths forge at 3 P.M. Spoke the Bark
Matthew Suse of New Bedford at sunset took in sail
1 man off duty Sick Long 27-38 W Latitude 45-30 N

Tuesday 9/59

This day Light Winds & pleasant Weather Engaged in
Coopering & stowing down oil 1 man off duty Sick
Long 27-37 W Latitude 45-31 North

Wednesday 10/59

This day fresh dunes & squally Weather the men Engaged
in Ships duty 1 man off duty Sick.

Thursday 11/59 This day Strong Winds at 12 past

11 A.M. a school of Whales raised by Henry. Sounded 4 boats
the Captain got a whale & the second mate got 1 got them
along side at 12 past 7 to night

Barch Elizabeth Swift Atlantic Ocean August ¹²/₁₈₅₉
This day Fresh gales Engaged in cutting gut in
at sunset & gut Super the Captain gut first on the stage
at 7 set the Hatch the Salord Hatch went below

Saturday 13/59

This day Strong Winds at 7 set, etc hooked on the
Whale gut him all clear away at 1/2 past 6 to night
& set the Hatch the mate gut the head but with
a Spall it is now 1/2 past 12 So good night

Sunday 14/59

This day Strong Winds & pleasant Weather Engaged
In trying out & setting up Casks 2 men off
duty Sick

Monday 15/59

This day Light Winds & pleasant Weather Engaged
Trying out & setting up Casks broke out
1 barrel of pork 1 of Beef

Tuesday 16/59

This day Fresh gales S. S. W. at 7 ^{del} curled down
Turned up 103 barrels of oil the Captain gave \$2 dollars
& 50 cents & 300 Cigars to the man that raised the Whaler

Wednesday 17/59

This day Light Winds Engaged in brating out
Shocks & Water 2 men off duty Sick

Thursday 18/59

This day Light Winds & pleasant Weather Engaged
In brating out Shocks & black, something making
Calons & C

Friday 19/59

This day Strong Winds & pleasant Weather Engaged
In Coopering & Steel down & Casks 2 men off duty
Sick

Saturday 20/59

This day Light Winds & pleasant Weather Engaged
black, something Coopering & fitting the gunnery
2 men off duty Sick

Sunday 21/59

This day Strong Winds & pleasant Weather 2 men off duty
Sick

Bark Elizabeth, Swift North Atlantic August 22nd 1859
This day commences with fresh breezes from the North
the watch employed in ordinary ships duty 3 men off
Duty Sick Lat by Obs Lon by

Tuesday August 23rd 59

This day comes in with a light breeze from the N.E.
and continues pleasant throughout the day. employed
in sending down fore topgallant yard and breaking
out water also other Ships duty 4 men off duty Sick

Wednesday August 24th 59

This day comes in with a fresh breeze from the North
Coopered oil this forenoon when the cooper was taken
sick in the afternoon employed doing ordinary ships
duty 4 men off duty Sick Lat by Obs Lon by Obs

Thursday August 25th 59

This day comes in with a light breeze from N.N.W.
at 9 o'clock A.M. passed a sperm whales head 18 or 20
days old by appearances at 1 P.M. wind hauled to the S.W.
and commenced raining and continued the rest of the day
fore part of the day employed at ordinary Ships duty
4 men off duty sick Lat by Obs. Lon by Obs. 29. 20. W.

Friday August 26th 59

This day comes in with a light breeze from the N.W. at 4 1/2 o'clock AM
saw Blackfish & lowered 4 boats for them the waist boat struck
and saved their fish the Starboard boat struck also but
their Dory drewed from him after getting Breakfast cut in
the fish and then employed the remainder of the day washing
& scrubbing ship 4 men off duty Sick - Lat Lon

Saturday August 27th 59

This day comes in pleasant weather & light breezes flushed
the masts & spars the remainder of the day crew allowed to
wash their clothes in 4 men off duty Sick - Lat Lon

Sunday 28th 59

This day strong winds & pleasant weather at 12 past, 7, A.M.,
a Sperm whale raised by Frank Ross lowered 4 boats
The Secant mate went on and struck the whale boat,
his line the third mate bent on the Secant mate gut
his boat rolled over the whale run the third mate all day & took
2 lines & went off

Barch, Elizabeth Swift Atlantic Ocean August ¹²/₁₈₅₉
This day Fresh gales Engaged in cutting gut & in
at sunset & gut super the Captain gut first on the stage
at 7 o'clk the Watch the Salord Watch went bels

Saturday 13/59

This day Strong Winds at 7 o'clk hooked on the
Whale gut him all bleed away at 1/2 past 6 to night
& Sut the Watch the mate gut the head but with
a Spall it is now 1/2 past 12 So good night

Sunday 14/59

This day Strong Winds & pleasant Weather Engaged
In trying out & Setting up Casks & 2 men off
duty Sick

Monday 15/59

This day Light Winds & pleasant Weather Engaged
Trying out & Setting up Casks broke out
1 barrel of pork & 10 of Beef

Tuesday 16/59

This day Fresh gales S. S. W. at 7 o'clk ^{at 16} curled down
Turned up 103 barrels of oil the Captain giv^d \$22 dollars
& 50 cents & 300 cigars to the man that raised the Whaler

Wednesday 17/59

This day Light Winds Engaged in brabing out
Shocks & Water 2 men off duty Sick

Thursday 18/59

This day Light Winds & pleasant Weather Engaged
In brabing out Shocks & blacksmithing making
balons & c

Friday 19/59

This day Strong Winds & pleasant Weather Engaged
In Coopering & Steel down & Casks & 2 men off duty
Sick

Saturday 20/59

This day Light Winds & pleasant Weather Engaged
blacksmithing Coopering & fitting the gunnery
2 men off duty Sick

Sunday 21/59

This day Strong Winds & pleasant Weather 2 men off duty
Sick

Bark Elizabeth, Swift North Atlantic August 22nd 1859

This day commences with fresh breezes from the North
the watch employed in ordinary ships duty 3 men off
Duty Sick Lat by Obs Lon by

Tuesday August 23rd 59

This day comes in with a light breeze from the N.E.
and continues pleasant throughout the day. employed
in sending down fore topgallant yard and breaking
out water also other Ships duty 4 men off duty Sick

Wednesday August 24th 59

This day comes in with a fresh breeze from the North
Coopered oil this forenoon when the cooper was taken
sick in the afternoon employed doing ordinary ships
duty 4 men off duty Sick Lat by Obs Lon by Obs

Thursday August 25th 59

This day comes in with a light breeze from N.W. W.
at 9 o'clock A.M. passed a sperm whales head 18 or 20
days old by appearances at 1 P.M. wind hauled to the S.W.
and commenced raining and continued the rest of the day
fore part of the day employed at ordinary Ships duty
4 men off duty sick Lat by Obs. Lon by Obs. 29. 20. W.

Friday August 26th 59

This day comes in with a light breeze from the N.W. at 4 1/2 o'clock AM
Saw Blackfish & lowered 4 boats for them the waist boat struck
and saved their fish the Starboard boat struck also but
their Tonnor drewed from him after getting Breakfast cut in
the fish and then employed the remainder of the day washing
& scrubbing ship 4 men off duty Sick - Lat Lon

Saturday August 27th 59

This day comes in pleasant weather & light breezes flushed
the masts & spars the remainder of the day crew allowed to
wash their clothes in 4 men off duty Sick - Lat Lon

Sunday 28/59

This day strong winds & pleasant weather at 12 past, 7, A.M.,
a Sperm of Whales raised by Frank Ross lowered 4 boats
The second mate went on and struck the whale boat
his line the third mate went on the second mate gut
his boat rolled over the whale run the third mate all day & took
2 lines & went off

Bark Elizabeth Swift North Atlantic Ocean

Monday August 29th/59

This day light winds broke out the after hold for towline got 2 coils which filled 2 tubs making the boats already for whaling again 5 Men off duty sick Loat . Lon

Tuesday August 30th/59

This day light breezes from the westward broke out the fore hold for water likewise the larboard tank and put the wood in the fore hold spoke the Bark. St. Bunchinia of Provincetown boiling a 45 barrel whale making her 150 bbls sperm Oil 5 Men off duty sick Loat . Lon

Wednesday August 31st/59

This day fresh breezes from the S. W. and pleasant weather Men engaged at ordinary Ships duty 5 Men off duty Sick Loat Lon

Thursday Sept 1st/59

This day fresh gales from Westward ship under short sail engaged in putting up black fish oil 1 barrel took down the forge & stowed it away prepared hatch bars for the butchers took the boats on the upper trains myself & 3 men off duty Sick, latitude $45^{\circ} = 25$ North Long

Friday Sept 2nd/59

This day came in with a fresh breeze from W by N and moderated as the day advanced to a very light breeze at sunset Men employed at ordinary Ships duty 4 Men off duty Sick Loat Lon

Saturday Sept 3rd/59

This day comes in with a light breeze from S. S. W. Scraped & flushed the masts and spars in the morning the men employed washing their clothes the remainder of the day 3 Men off duty Sick Loat $46 = 23$ N. Lon

Sunday Sept 4th/59

This day comes in with fresh gales from W. N. W. at 8 AM commenced raining hard and continued so till 4 PM 3 Men off duty Sick No Obs. this day

Dark E. Swift North Atlantic Ocean
Monday Sept 5th/59

This day commenced with a fresh gale from N.W.
at 10 AM it moderated. Made sail men employed at
ordinary ships duty 3 men off duty sick Lat

Tuesday Sept 6th/59

This day Fresh gales from the N.W. at 4 P.M. Spoke
the Ship Hunter of New Bedford 4 months from home 125
barrels of Spinn oil at sunset Shortened sail myself
8 2 men off duty sick

Wednesday 7/59

This day Strong Winds from the Southward & Westward
the men engaged in ships duty myself off duty
sick 8 2 men Latitude 46-33 North

Thursday Sept 8th/59

Last night at 9 1/2 PM Commenced blowing heavy from
S.W. took in fore Sprincer at 11 PM. hoisted the boats
to the davit heads at 1 AM heavy squalls from N.W.
Made everything secure for a gale of wind at sunrise
began to moderate the weather clearing up
the mast heads at 12 M. Saw Finbacks & Grampuses
at 6 PM at sunset quite moderate wind from
N.W. 4 men off duty sick Lat 45-53 North

Friday Sept 9th/59

This day light Winds from the Southward the men
engaged in ships duty at 3 P.M. yamued with
the Ship Hunter of New Bedford 7 months from home
140 barrels of Spinn oil 4 men off duty sick
Long 28-58 West Latitude 45-20 North

Saturday 10/59

This day Strong Winds S.S.W. at 6 P.M. board for
blackfish the Mast boat got a fish gut him along
side at 7 at 4 P.M. a man fell from the main
cap on deck without much injury it about 40
or 50 foot 3 men off duty sick the man that fell was
in a fit Latitude North Long 28-50 West

Sunday 11/59

This day Fresh gales from the Southward & Westward 4 men
off duty sick Latitude 45-5 North

Barcl. H. Sloop Atlantic, Ocean Sept 12/59
This day light winds from the Northward & Westward
the men Engaged in trying out black, fish oil
myself repairing deck, buckets barrels &c at sunset
Shortened Sail 3 men off duty Sick.

Tuesday 13/59

This day strong winds & pleasant weather wind from the
Southward & Eastward the men Engaged in brushing
out Water at 3 P.M. Spoke the Barcl. J. Bunchin of
Provincetown 4 months from home 175 barrels sperm
oil latitude 45=13 North Longitude 28=30 West at
Sunset took in sail 2 men off duty Sick

Wednesday 14/59

This day fresh gales from the Southward & Westward fore part
raining 2 men off duty Sick

Thursday 15/59

This day fresh gales from the Northward the men Engaged
in Ship's duty 3 men off duty Sick

Friday 16/59

This day light winds from the Northward the men Engaged
in making Spungiam 3 men off duty Sick and home
Latitude 31=39 North Longitude 28 West

Saturday 17/59

This day light winds from the Southward & Eastward
Cooperd 2 casks of oil at sunset Shortened Sail 3 men
off duty Sick

Sunday 18/59

This day light winds from the Southward and
Eastward land in sight the island Caribs 3 men
off duty Sick

Monday 19/59

This day light winds from the Southward & Westward the
men engaged in sending up the fore S. G. yard
& Sail myself making a wreath & star for the
cat head 3 men off duty Sick, at sunset Flores
bearing South from us distance 20 miles

Burch & Swift laying off and to Home Sept ²⁰_{th} 1859
This day light winds & pleasant weather laying off &
on at Flores trading sold 2 barrels of black fish oil and
2 barrels of molasses got 80 & 90 bushels of potatoes at 1/2 per
bbl shaped our Saap for Tral 3 men off duty sick.

Wednesday 21/5-9

This day light winds & pleasant weather at 9 AM the
Captain went ashore in Tral got 155 barrels 7 1/2 gallons
of oil on shore to go home discharged 2 men sick.

Whaling Song.

As advertised in Boston New York & Albany
Five Hundred young Americans
Are wanted for the Seas.

They take you down to Bedford
That famous whaling port,
And give you to some land sharks
To board and fit you out.

As then they will show you their fine Clippers Ships.
Both new without, and in
And say you take five Hundred Spearin.
Before your six months out.

Its now we are out to sea my boys
The wind comes on to blow
One half the watch is sick on deck.
The other half below.

Next comes that dam'd old Compass
It will give your hearts full sore
For there is two and thirty points
And we have forty four.

Now comes the rumming rigging
And that all of you must know
And if you dont know it in 14 days out,
You loose your watch below.

¶

Next comes our provisions boys
We dont get half enough
Its a little piece of stinking beef
And a dam small bag of stuff.

¶

It now to the Mast head all of us must go
And when you see those Sparrn Whales
Sing out Oh their she blows.

¶

Then up will step the Skipper
And sing out whar so.
Whar away your dam land lubber
Does that sparrn Whale blow,

¶

Then with a cheerfull voice
That points on our lee bow
I think its goin to the leeward
Goin very slow my boys.

¶

Now clear away the boats my boys
And after him we'll go
And if you get to near his flock
Hell kick you to the level.

¶

Now we have got him turned up
He bows him a long side
He over with our blubber fork
And rob him of his hide.

¶

Now the boat steerer over board
He tattle over board

The Skipper in the main chair
And so loudly he does ball.

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Now comes the evening down my boys
It will take half of night
And you all have fifty cents apiece
At the hundred and ninetyth day.
H

Now we are tied out with a sailing clock
In Blackstone. Reached porting.
Then comes the cry from the mast head
Tail is ahead approaching.
H

Apartward bound it is the sound
With a stock of education
Where liberty men both now and then
Being trouble and so, alive.
H

Now we are bound into Conbas
That damn^d inhaling part;
And if you run away my boys
You surely will get caught.
H

Now we are bound into Lucknowa
Full more in their power
Then the Shippers can buy the barrel of
For half a bbls of Flour.
H

It now that our old ship is full
And we don't care a Sam
We bend on all our Stuncils
And sail for Yankee land.
H

And when we arrive in Bedford
What may we but advise
And if your fellows w flouting like you
Just put your Shipper through.
H

Yes to all your Shippers & owners
I wish you would do well
And when you see me
The Devil take you all into Hell.

And at 10h. I sent our ship. Wind fast,
and we got through our sailing
and a standing glass around with fast
and some the blubber. Warling

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Crew List of Bark Elizabeth Swift Capt. Chase
Bound to the Pacific Ocean Sperm Whaling 11 May 3 1859

Josiah Chase - Master - Portland - Maine
James Buckley - 1st Officer - Newark - New Jersey
George W. Seabury 2^d " Westport - Mass
George W. Harrington 3^d " North Lee " "
Nyman C. Hanson - Cooper - Boston " "
Peter Poinsett - Boutsterner - New York - New York
Frank Ross - " Valparaiso Chili, S. A
Austin Bock - " "
George Briely - " North Andover - Mass
Augustus G. Maynard - Steward - Newark - New Jersey
Henry Clark - Cook - Lowell - Mass
Frederick Culver - Carpenter - North Lee - Mass
John W. Jackson - Blacksmith - New York - New York

Whaling Signals of S. Elizabeth Swift May ³_{rd} 1859
 No 1 Blue at the main Whales up
 No 2 Light down Whales ahead
 " 3 Blue at the fore Whales on the Weather bow
 4 White " " " " See " "
 5 2 Signals at the fore - Whales going to the Windward
 6 2 " " " Main Boat wants help
 7 2 " between fore & main Boat stove
 8 Blue Signal at the Mizzen Whales on the Weather quarter
 9 White " " " " " " See " "
 10 Spanker braced up Whales astern
 11 Blue at the main up & down Boat burn a board

- Whaling Signals of Bark Elizabeth Swift
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| 1 Blue Signal at Main. | Whales up |
| 2 Sit down. | Whales ahead. |
| 3 Blue Signal at the Fore | Whales on Weather |
| 4 White " " " " | " " Lee |
| 5 Two signals at the Fore. | Whales going to |
| 6 Two signals " " Main. | Boat starts to |
| 7 Two signals between Fore & Main. | Boat stops. |
| 8 Blue Signal at the Mizzen. | Whales on ice |
| 9 White " " " " | " " " " |
| 10 Spunkies hoisted up. | Whales on ice |
| 11 Blue at Main up and down | Boats come on |



52 barrels

August 11th 1859
Shabond boat

July 18th 1859
100 barrels

August 4th 1859
Laborel boat

June 28th 1859
West boat

55 barrels

August 11th 1859
West boat

50 barrels

76 barrels 20 1/2 ynlays

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